Dairy Development Board to set up some new projects in Orissa.

(b) Does not arise., in view of reply at (a) above.

[*Translation*]

Hindi and English Magazines

1572. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of provisions made for Hindi and English Magazines published by the Government to provide equal status, staff and other facilities in respect thereof;

(b) whether these provisions are being implemented in all the Ministries/Departments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No provision has been made in this regard. Concerned Ministries/Departments/Offices etc. take the decision as per their requirements.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Disparity in Rates of Diesel,Petrol and LPG Cylinder in States

1573. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of diesel, petrol, kerosene and LPG, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for disparity in rates of diesel and petrol in states; and

(c) whether the Government propose to bring parity in the rates of these items in States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A Statement showing the rates of Diesel,Petrol, Kerosene and LPG at the State Capitals is enclosed.

(b) and (c). The prices are uniform ex-storage point. However, the retail prices vary because of freight, local levies etc.

STATEMENT

Prices of Diesel, Petrol, Total, Kerosene and LPG as on 1.2.1992 at the state/out Capital.

Rs./Per litre

				LPG (Domestic)
Location	*MS*	*HSD*	*SKO*	*Rs./14.2 Kg. Cyl.*
Bombay	16.71	5.68	2.44	66.00
Calcutta	15.48	5.31	2.70	77.00
Delhi	14.62	5.05	2.52	67.90
Madras	17.17	5.72	2.80	71.05

	Rs./Per litre			*LPG (Domestic)*
Location	*MS*	*HSD*	*SKO*	*Rs./14.2 Kg. Cyl.*
Lucknow	15.24	5.47	2.82	72.05
Chandigarh	14.42	5.06	2.70	74.20
Shimla	14.58	5.10	2.56	66.85
Jaipur	16.26	5.60	2.75	72.15
Srinagar	14.76	5.58	2.51	67.10
Patna	15.04	5.40	2.64	71.85
Bhubaneswar	15.66	5.69	2.68	77.20
Aizawal	13.71	4.71	2.54	64.60
Itanagar	13.64	4.66	2.32	64.50
Gauhati	15.27	5.14	2.40	67.15
Shillong	14.53	5.00	2.45	71.05
Imphal	15.00	4.99	2.90	69.00
Kohima	13.94	4.75	2.32	68.35
Agartala	14.73	4.90	2.45	72.35
Gangtok	14.62	5.02	2.94	67.70
Port Blair	14.10	4.84	2.61	68.35
Ahmedabad	17.25	5.76	2.55	76.45
Bhopal	16.25	5.69	2.60	77.40
Panjim	15.53	5.31	2.47	—
Hyderabad	17.75	5.80	2.82	78.05
Bangalore	17.02	5.90	2.73	76.00

Rs./Per litre

Location	*MS*	*HSD*	*SKO*	*LPG (Domestic) Rs./14.2 Kg. Cyl.*
Trivandrum	17.38	6.29	2.71	80.15
Pondicherry	15.60	5.37	2.55	70.95

[*English*]

Assistance to Scheduled Tribe Students

1574. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where there have been a large scale drop-out of Scheduled Tribe students at the school level;

(b) the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to help those students to continue their studies?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A Statement showing the details of drop-outs of Scheduled Tribe Students, State-wise, is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The main reasons are-

i) Children are required to work to supplement the family income or otherwise assist their parents;

ii) Girls have to attend to house hold choros and look after the siblings;

iii) Schools have inadequate facilities and insufficient instructional material;

iv) Roluctant and in different attitude of parents.

(c) (i) Provision of incentives such as scholarships, uniforms, textbooks attendance scholarships, provision of mid-day meals, residential schools, hostel facilities etc;

(ii) Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

(iii) Programmes of non-formal education for those who cannot attend whole day schools,

(iv) Opening of Ashram Schools for ST boys and girls.

STATEMENT

	State/Union Territory	*Primary*	*Middle*	*Secondary*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68.84	88.64	1.90
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	64.47	77.89	86.53
3.	Assam	64.47	77.27	77.46